

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph following the title on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

- This application is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 09/216,005, filed December 17, 1998, now abandoned. ~~This application also claims priority to, and is a~~ continuation of International Application Ser. No. ~~PCT-US99/30089~~PCT/US99/30089, filed December ~~16~~17, 1999. -